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AND

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At his Escape from *WORCESTER.*

Together

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Passages that past betwixt them.

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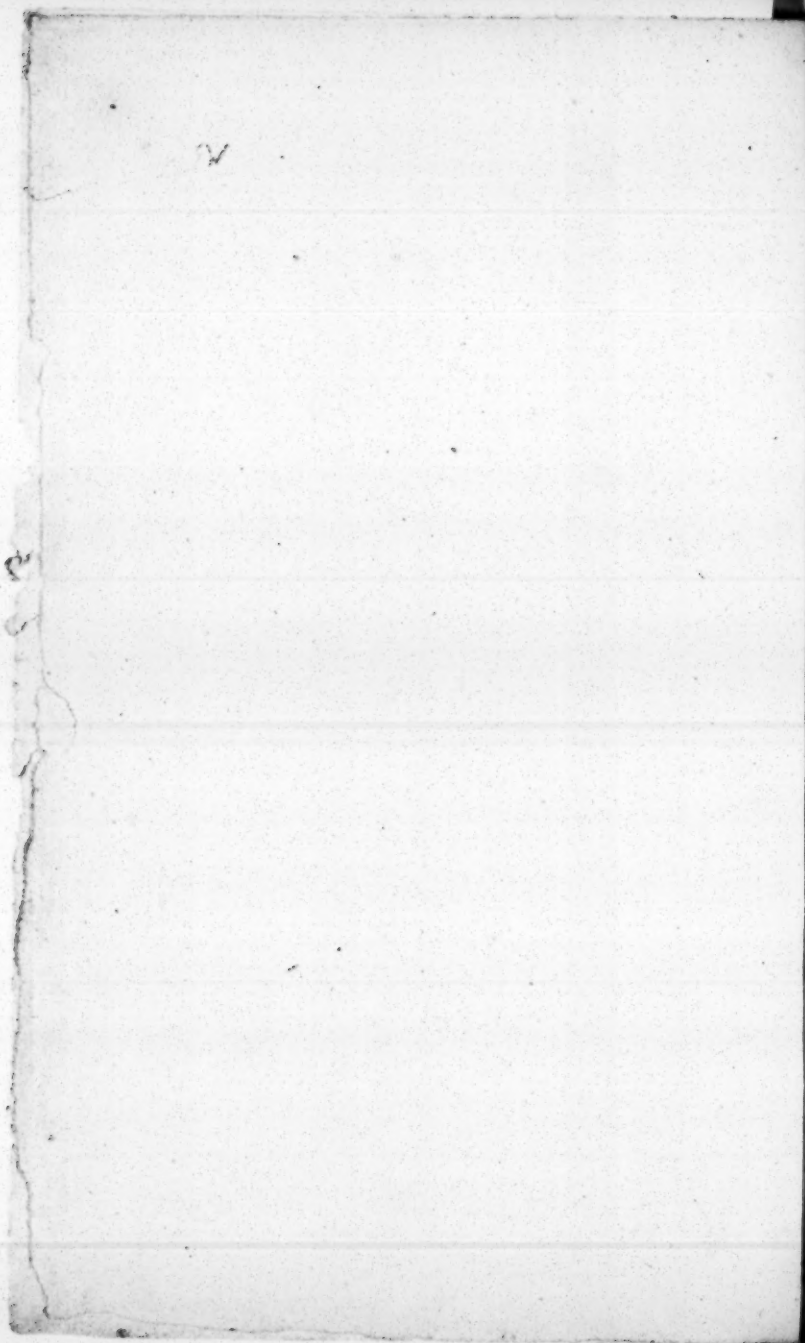
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At the *KINGS* comming to
WORCESTER.

After so many doleful Tragedies, painful Travels, and tired Journies of his sacred Majesty in *Scotland, France, and Denmark*, and severall other adjacent Countries; *Worcester* was determined the place of that dismall Fate, *September 3. 1551.* which black and gloomy day at that time seemed like a terrible Earthquake over all the three Kingdoms; yet our gracious ever renowned Prince at his first and conspicuous Essay, extended his Valour beyond the expectation of all his very Enemies; which caused Fortune to blush and be ashamed at such a sudden Repulse to that Matchlesse and Heroical courage of a Prince; which for the Redem-

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ption of his long Captivated Subjects ventured the hazard of his most Sacred Bloud, Life, Crown and Kingdome in one day ; and so willingly did expose it upon the Wings of lucklesse Fortune at that incomparable City of *Warcester* ; for whose Loyalty, Fidelity and Affection, deserves an everlasting perpetuall Memory.

But then seeing Fortune declines the Honour of his most Royal Dignity by such a numerous overpowering Force, retired from the Field, quitted his Court and Lodgings, and rallied his faithful and considerable Friends of Lords, Knights and Gentlemen, who as resolute were to promote his Enterprize, were resolved to accompany him in his Flight ; the chief of his Guard were the Earl of *Derby*, the Earl of *Shrewsbury*, Earl of *Cleavland* and the Duke of *Buckingham*, and my Lord *Wilmot*, and others to the

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number of Four score:

But to tell you of his doubtfull and dangerous Return from *Worcester* to *White-ladies*, (which is a House so called by Name) in the parish of *Tong*, upon the Confines of *Staffordshire*, 25 Miles distant from *Worcester* I shall omit, in regard it will not be too tedious but acquaint you of his Reception there.

This House was belonging to one *Fitz-Herbert*, where *George Pen-drill*, the youngest Brother of the Five, who were all severally instrumental in the conductment and preservation of his Majesty; hearing some body knocking at the door early in the Morning, opening the window, he espied *Francis Yates*, who was his Brother in law, with *Mr. Gifford*, another of his Majesties Conductors in his Miraculous Escape, who bad him put his cloaths on, which immediately he did.

Now this *George* was the first of

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the five Brothers imploy'd in the service of this wonderfull Contrivance, being then sent to *Tong* to see if the Coasts were clear; but what God and Angells had decreed force of men can never hinder. And now since the providential mercy of the Almighty hath reestablisht his most sacred Majesty upon his Royal Throne, these five brothers repaired unto him, where his sacred Majesty received them gladly, as the Emblems of his joy and tranquillity. Wherein I shall relate the whole proceedings of this blessed escape, beginning from the place where we left *George Pordrell* in the parish of *Toung*. With a true and perfect Dialogue or Conference between his Majesty and them, of all their actions severally till his landing in *France*. Their names *William, Richard, Humphrey, John* and *George*.

William comes into the Chamber
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of presence, the King came to him,
saying thus :

K. Honest Will, how dost thee doe these many a day? how does thy Wife Joane, and honest Goodman Creswell, whose shoes I borrowed in time of my necessity?

W. They are well I thank your gracious Majesty: but my brothers are close by here, and would fain see your Royall person.

K. Prethee call in, honest Will, and let us discourse a little of our old travels.

In comes Humpbrey the Miller, and George, John, and Richard.

G. God blesse your Majesty, you are better seated now then at Whitladys in the parish of Tong, where your Majesty was pleased to make me your faithfull Scout, and I hope you found me faithfull in your service.

K. That I did honest George, and thou shalt see Ile be faithfull to thee. But tell me all along our passages, for I have almost forgotten them. Who didst meet with at Taung?

G. Truly my Liege I shall never forget m: but I met with none but my brother Richard.

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K. Richard, what did you doe then; did you come where I was?

R. Yes, and please your Majesty; but I had no sooner come into the house, but Squire Gifford call'd me and bad make halt and fetch my best Cloaths, which was but a Jump and Breeches of coorse Green Cloath, and a Do skin Leather Dublet.

K. Tis very true and I think they fitted my turn that time better then a George and a long Robe. But who lent me the Hat; and the burden Noggen shirt, as you call it, and the Band?

H. The Hat you had of me and please your Majesty.

K. Truly Humphry it pleased me very well at that time being but an old one and turn'd up in the brims.

H. The Shirt we had of Edward Martin, but the Shoos were William Creswells and please ye.

George. The bond you had of me and please your Majesty, and presently you stript your self and put it on: and gave your own Cloaths into our hands, which was a Buffe Cote, and a Linnen Dublet, and a Gray pair of breeches you wore before.

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K. *What did you do with them?*

G. Hid them under ground five weeks before we durst take them up again, and the Jewels of your Arm, you gave to one of the Lords then departing from you.

K. *But who was it that barb'd me so handsomly, after my Lord Wilmot had cut my hair with a Knife.*

Rich. 'Twas I and please your Majesty, as well as I could, with a pair of sheers: I did round it a little better then twas before with a Knife, then you said you were *Al a mod the Woodman*.

K. *I remember it very well, Honest Dick, and thou shalt have my word for a Noble Barber; but who did my Lord of Derby commit me to, for to be my Gardion.*

W. 'Twas I and please your Majesty, and the rest of my brothers, in whose tuition you were received into. Then my Lord would have staid himself, but we could not undertake to secure both.

K. *Whether went my Lord Wilmot?*

John. 'Twas I conveyed him to one Mr. *Whitegraves* and please ye.

K. *Which of you gave me the Wood bill into my hand, and traversst abroad the Wood with me?*

Rich.

Rich. 'Twas I and please your Majesty; but when we were in the Wood, *William* went home, and *George* and *Humphrey* went a scouting and hovering up and down the Woods, to hear or see if any one did approach or draw near.

K. I remember there fell a great shower of rain that Thursday, and rain'd most of all the day, and that good Woman *Tates* his Wife which you know, brought me a blancket and threw over my shoulders. But I shall never forget the Messe of Milk, Eggs, and Sugar she brought me, which I gust it to have been Milk and Apples and lik'd it very well? But about five a Clock in the Evening we went to your house *Richard*.

Rich. Yes an please your Majesty, and my brother *Humphrey*, *George* and *Francis Yates*, where we had a Fricase of Bacon and Eggs; and to make our matter sutable for a Woodman, your Majesty was pleased to hold the little Girle on your precious knee.

K. I remember that very well, and your wife said she blessed God that had so honoured her children in making them Instruments as she hoped for my safeguard and deliverance.

Rich.

Rich. But I was in great fear an please you when we were at *Madley* and going over the bridge at a place called *Evelen*; 'twas about nine a clock at night we intending to go for *Wales*; the Miller of that Mill slipt out and demanded who goes there, having a Quarter staffe in his hand or some such thing, we were fain to quit the place and glad to be gone, but as glad was the Miller to be rid of us: so we finding our passage to be dangerous, returned again.

K. Truly honest Dick, I was never so hard put to it as I was then, except it was when we lay in the hollow tree; for my feet were terribly gaul'd and blister'd that I was hardly able to go. But prothee tell me how I got up the hollow Oak.

Rich. With the help of my brother *Williams* Woodladder and the bows were so thick with leaves, which 'twas impossible for any one to discern us.

K. But honest William gave us up pillows to lie upon I remember; but in regard my journey was so tedious and I so weary, I slept very well.

Rich. But when you awak'd you were very hungry; for such a hard march caused a good appetite, and by chance
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that Col. Carlesse had a good Lunchin of Bread and Cheese in his pocket.

Rich. Which he had got of my brother Pendrils wife for provant that day and had wrapt in a clean linnen Cloath.

K. 'Tis very true indeed Richard, and I fed on it very heartily, and was as well pleased with the service and the Cheer, as when I had greater Banquets in Court, but some other reliefs we had which was put up in the Tree by a long hooked stick; but I have admired since what a loyal honest combination and secrecy was maintain'd amongst all those persons.

Hum. But when I was sent abroad to inquire after intelligence and brought you tidings there was a thousand pound offer'd to any one that would surprize ye and bring you in; it somewhat dismay'd your Majesty, thinking that such an inconsiderable valew to the purchase might pervert such poor men as we from our Alleagiance and Fidelity which made me to be much troubled for my rashnesse.

K. But speedily after I was fitted for my Journey; pray who was that went to Mrs. Lane for the Walnut leaves to colour my hands in regard of the Whitoness?

John

John. Twas I and please your Majesty, and they were boyld in spring water a purpose to alter the hew and whitnesse of the skin, and all those places that were most obvious to the eye, likewise she had me give notice to your Majesty at what time you should be ready.

K. 'Tis very true, and I think twas about the eleventh of September upon a Thursday night, that Col. Lane came with his Sister to a field adjoyning and there they put me before her, and then several useful recommendations she had all a long our intended road to the Alleys friends of her family if any outward appearance of harm should put us to the Tryal. But with many crossings, windings, dangers and difficulties at several sinck-ports, at length we got into Suffex, and there we were constrain'd to remain five weeks to attend passage, but God at last with the influence of his mercy sent us under the banner of his providence to a Creek where we found a bark fitted for our purpose, and after Imbarkqued Hoyt up Sayl and set a Float; yet fortune not much favouring us by contrary weather we were driven back to the same place disguised in Jaylor's Cloaths; yet the wind
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veeking about more favourable set to sea again, and about the end of October, 1651 landed at the Deep in Normandy whence an expresse was sent to her Majesty of England of our safe arriva!.

So ended, his sacred Majesty called that right Honourable and Noble affectionate Marquesse of Ormond; and to him committed the charge of these five brothers, untill such time he should better provide for them.

Now let it therefore content and suffice the hearts of all Men, their eyes seeing it apparent that it pleased the divine Wisdom and providential Mercy of the most high God to guide, protect, defend and deliver our most gracious *Sovereign Lord King CHARLES the Second*, from all dangers, difficulties, treasons, plots, conspiracies, in what nature or condition soever.

Lets never then forget to praise the eternal God that can work such miraculous Deliverances with the influ-

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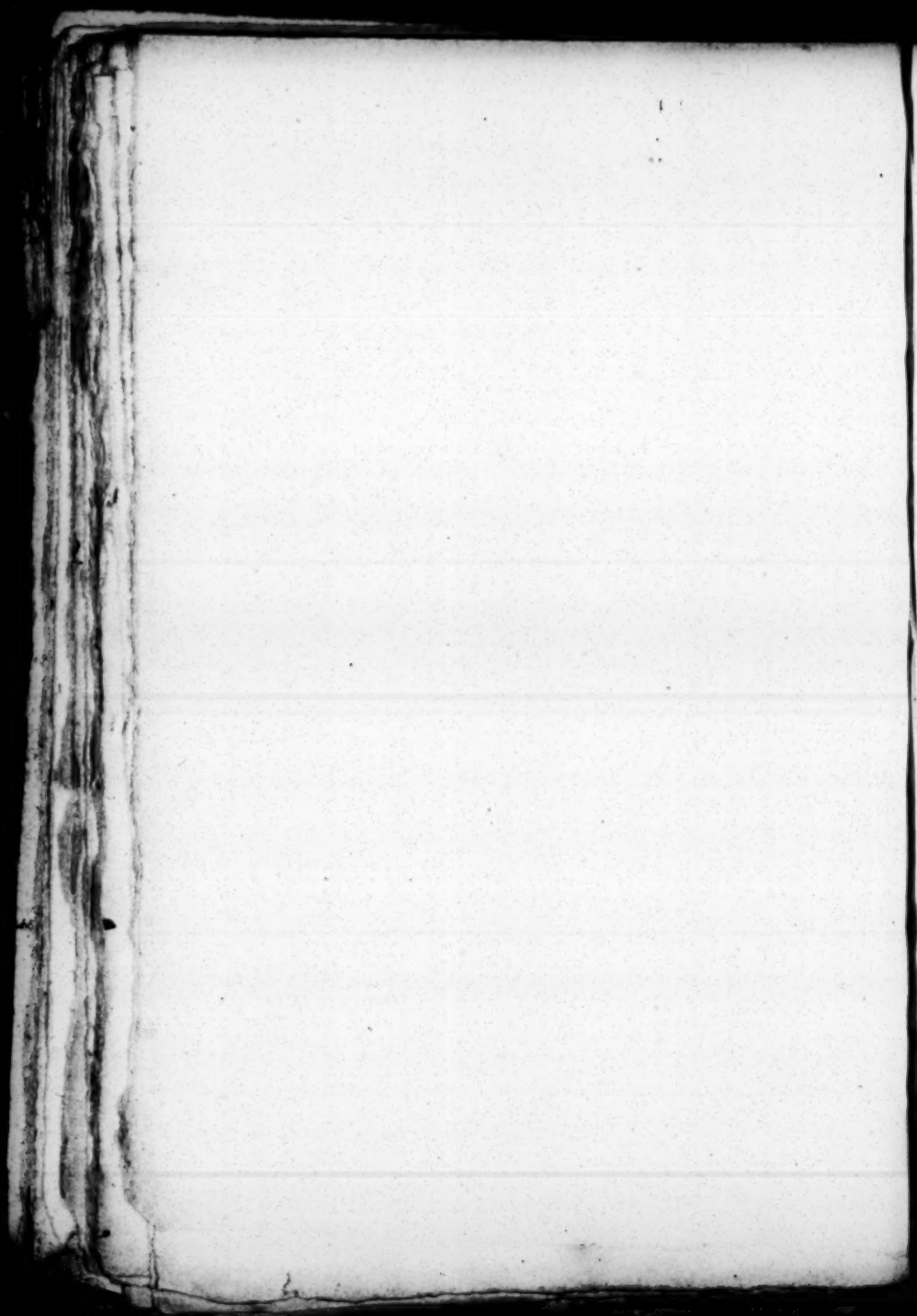
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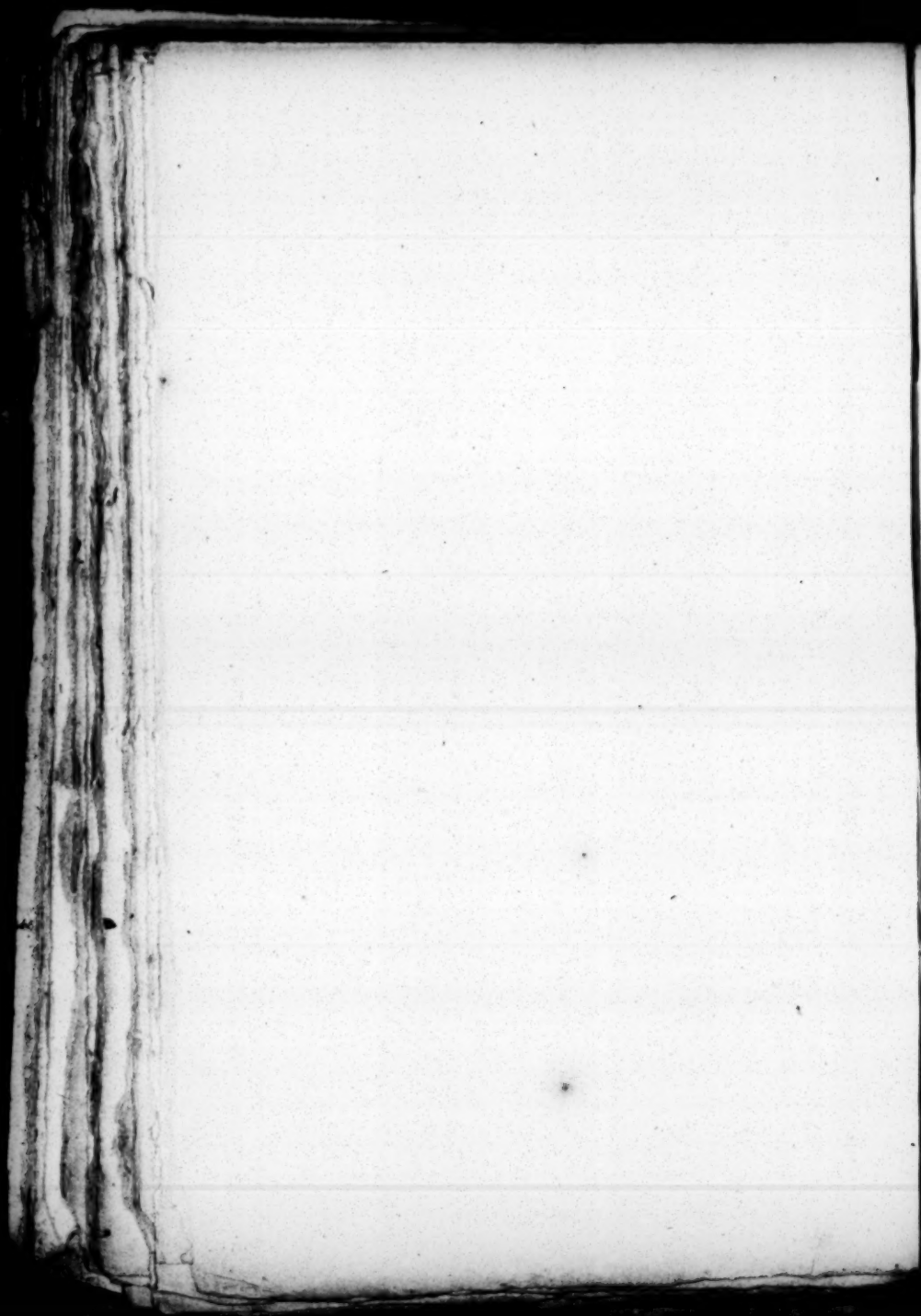


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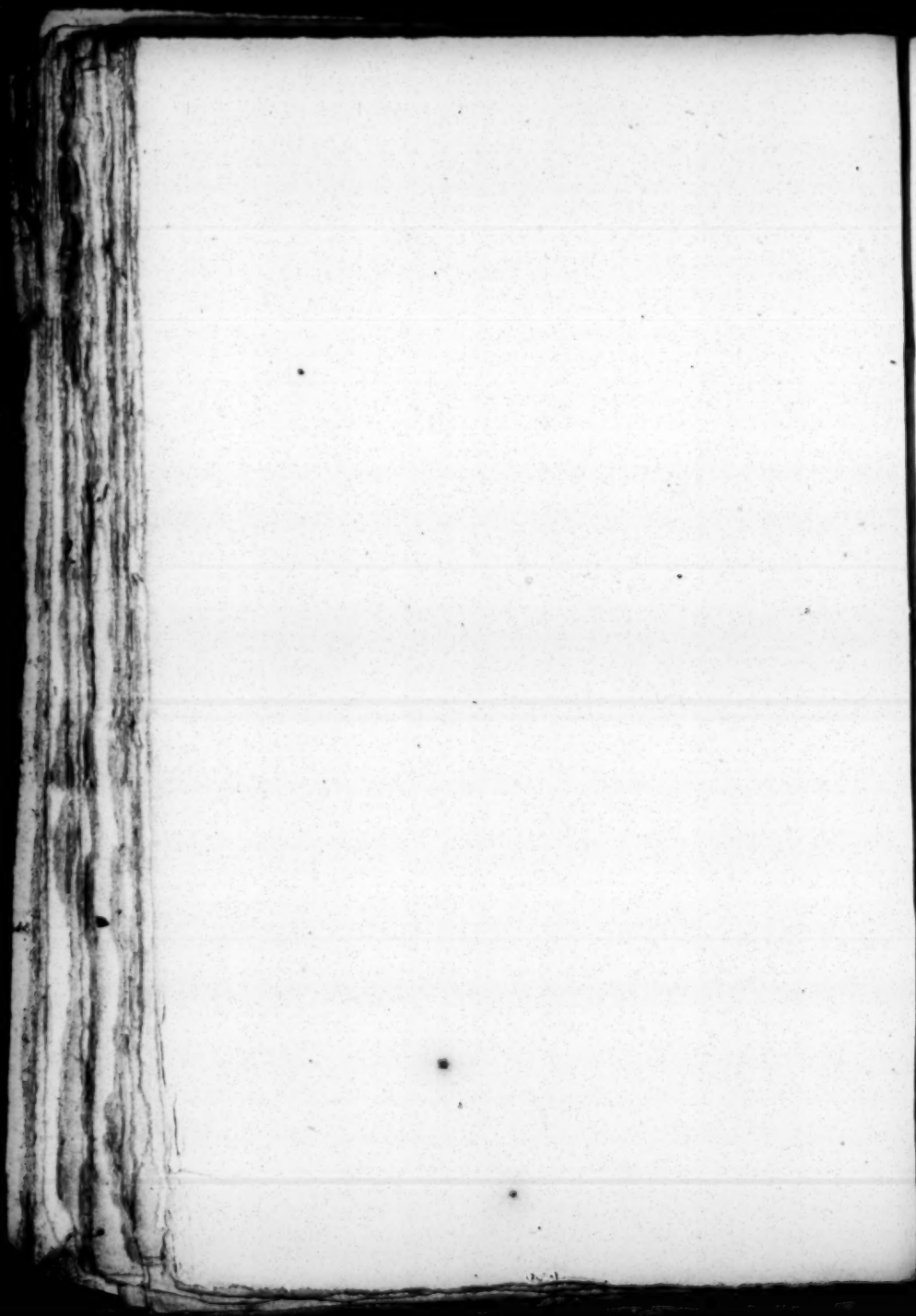
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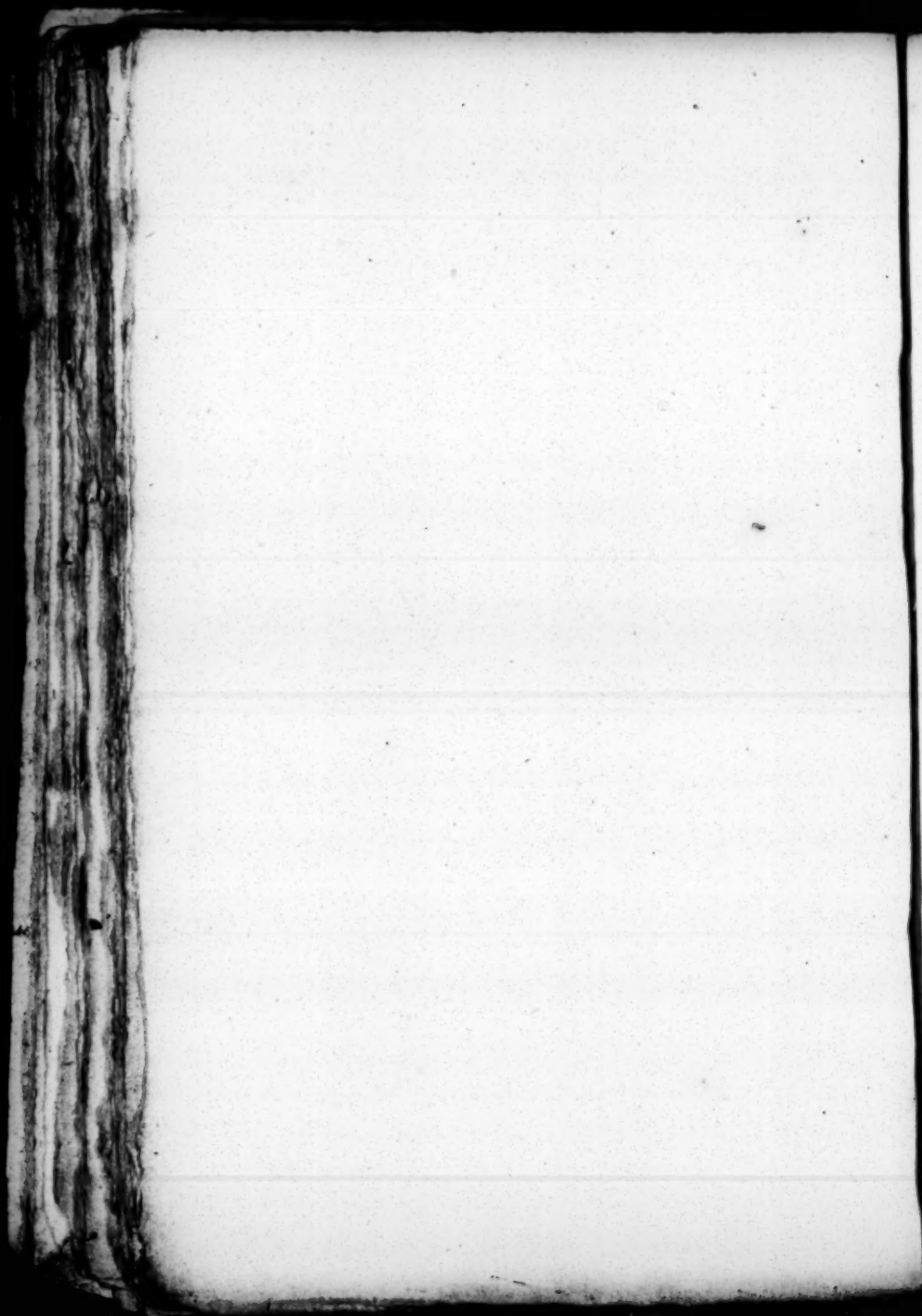


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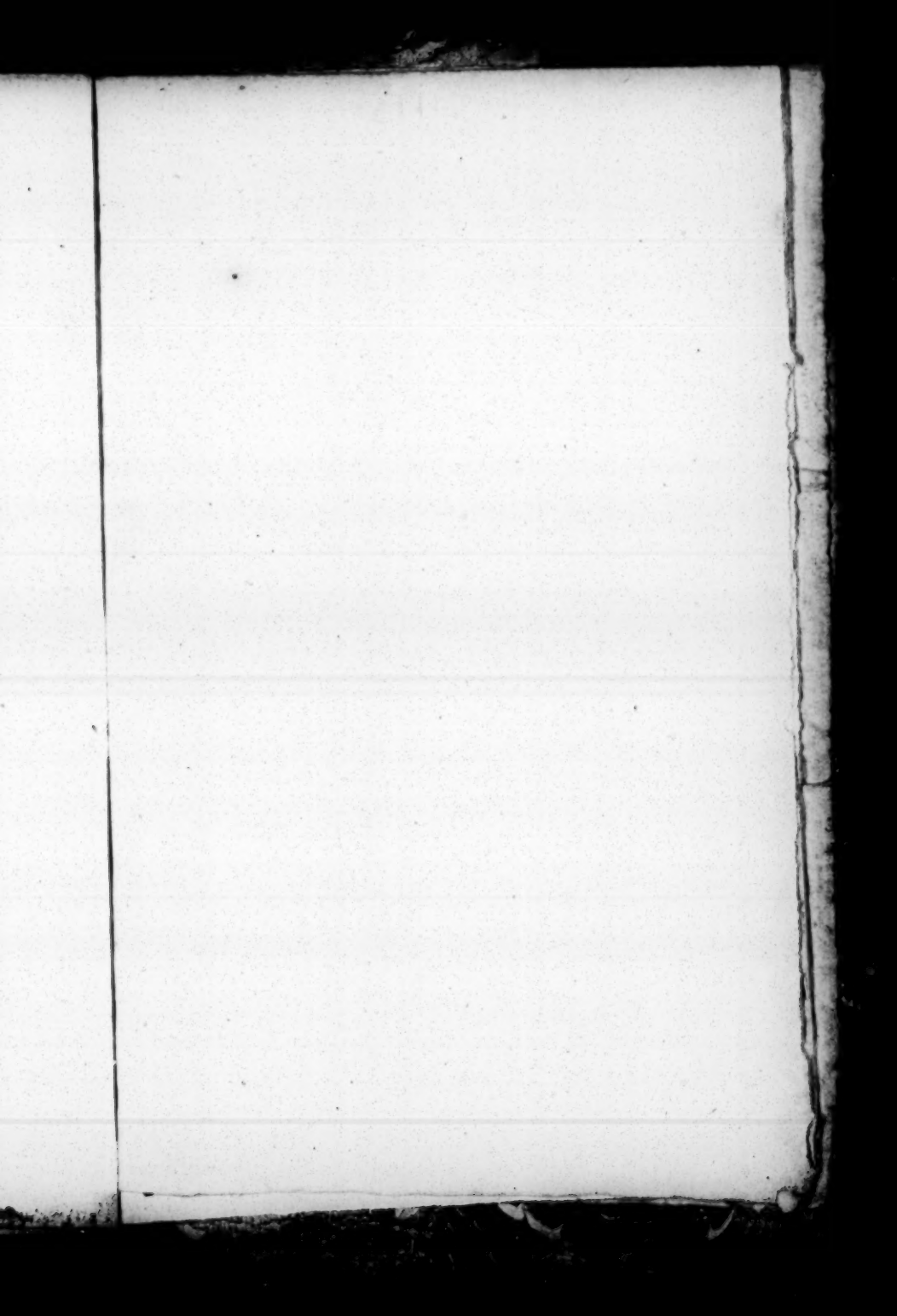


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